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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004 (Paper  
No. 2). Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

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Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A system where pieces of information equipment are connected via a network, including a memory unit and a compensating ~~means~~ device. The memory unit stores position information that represents a physical position of each piece of information equipment. The compensating ~~means~~ device compensates a physical distance from one piece of information equipment to another piece of information equipment based on the position information, according to a frequency of information exchange between the former and the latter.